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Temple Hills Man Guilty of 2017 Assault on Howard County Police Officer

A 39-year-old Temple Hills man who was shot by a Howard County police officer after he attempted to run her down with his vehicle in February 2017 has been convicted of two counts of second-degree assault, resisting arrest, theft-less than \$1,000 and driving on a suspended license. A jury found Tremayne Middleton Dorsey of the 4500 block of Deer Park Drive guilty following the conclusion of a three-day trial in Howard County Circuit Court late this afternoon.

According to police and prosecutors the officer was dispatched to the 7200 block of Fawn Crossing Drive in Clarksville around 3:15 a.m. on February 24, 2017 where a homeowner reported that an unknown suspicious vehicle was parked in her driveway. The officer found the car unoccupied and called for a tow truck. Shortly before the vehicle was loaded onto a flatbed tow truck the officer spotted a man walking along the street toward the vehicle. He identified himself as Tremayne Dorsey and stated that he had been jogging in the neighborhood and that he was the driver of the vehicle.

While questioning Dorsey, the officer learned from radio dispatch that Dorsey was wanted on an open arrest warrant. Dorsey jumped into his car and struggled with the officer before he drove into the tow truck. The officer and tow truck operator testified that Dorsey then backed up and drove directly at the officer who jumped out of his path and fired her weapon as he attempted his escape. Dorsey sustained a gunshot wound to the neck and crashed his car into a tree and into a ditch near the end of the driveway. The officer was not injured.

During the trial, Assistant State's Attorney Jennifer Ritter introduced the clothing recovered from Dorsey once he was admitted to the University of Maryland Shock Trauma Center. She spotlighted a dark ski mask recovered from his jacket pocket. Referring to items recovered from the grounds of a nearby home, where Dorsey was first spotted, Ritter told the jury that Dorsey was "someone who was breaking into cars" in the neighborhood. "(He) was not in the neighborhood to go jogging; you can decide for yourself if someone decided to go jogging miles and miles and miles from his home," she stated during closing arguments.

The jury deliberated for 90 minutes before returning their verdict. Howard County Circuit Court Judge William V. Tucker ordered a pre-sentence investigation and set a sentencing date of September 21.

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